

PLANNING REF : 241933
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Brackenwood
: Soldiers Rise, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3NE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Jacqueline Miller
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2026

COMMENTS:

I wish to formally object to this Planning Application for the proposed development of up to 850 homes on land west of Old Wokingham Road and north and south of Easthampstead Road. I strongly believe that development on this scale would cause unacceptable harm to this area and place further pressure on infrastructure that is already struggling to accommodate substantial housing growth.

Loss of countryside and erosion of the gap between communities
This proposal represents another major expansion of development into currently open land. I am extremely concerned about the continuing loss of countryside and the gradual urbanisation of the area between Wokingham, Crowthorne and Bracknell.

Once open land is developed with hundreds of houses, roads and associated infrastructure, its character is permanently changed. The cumulative effect of successive developments must be properly considered rather than assessing this site in isolation.

Flood risk - Building hundreds of homes, roads, driveways and other hard surfaces inevitably changes the way rainwater drains from land. Given the scale of this development, evidence is required to demonstrate that surface-water drainage can be managed safely both now and in the future without increasing flood risk elsewhere.

I respectfully request that Wokingham Borough Council refuse this Planning Application unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the development would not cause unacceptable harm to highway safety, infrastructure, drainage, ecology and the character of the surrounding area.